

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew

ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church



Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs



Caroline - St. Joseph

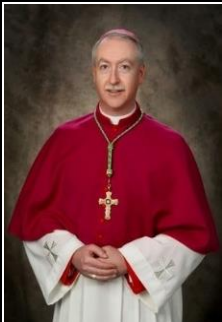


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INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY

*Amos 8:4-7 * 1 Timothy 2:1-8 * Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13*

Jesus instructs us to serve only one master. Many things compete for our attention on a daily basis. Some of the things we do, we do in light of our faith and in the service of God; other things may draw us away from both. Jesus exhorts us to pay attention to our actions and our motives, for we cannot serve both God and the things of this world. ♦ From the **prophet Amos** comes a warning to the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel that God sees those who take advantage of or mistreat the poor and needy, and he will not *forget a thing they have done*. In **Paul's Letter to Timothy**, he asks for prayers for those in authority – that they be pleasing to the Lord. In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward, and says that a person must be trustworthy in matters big and small. For no one can *serve both God and mammon*.



VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP RICHARD SMITH Next Sunday - Sep. 29, 2019

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND:

- Saturday - Sep. 28:
 - 05.00 PM - Mass in Caroline (with Fr. Kler)
 - 07.00 PM - Mass in Rocky Mountain House (with Fr. Kler)
- Sunday - Sep. 29:
 - 09.00 AM - Mass in Evergreen with Archbishop Richard Smith
 - 11.00 AM - Mass in Rocky Mountain House with Archbishop Richard Smith

After Mass in Rocky Mountain House there will be a Question & Answer period with Archbishop Smith; and later Beautiful Breakfast followed by Parish Pastoral Council Meeting with Archbishop Smith.

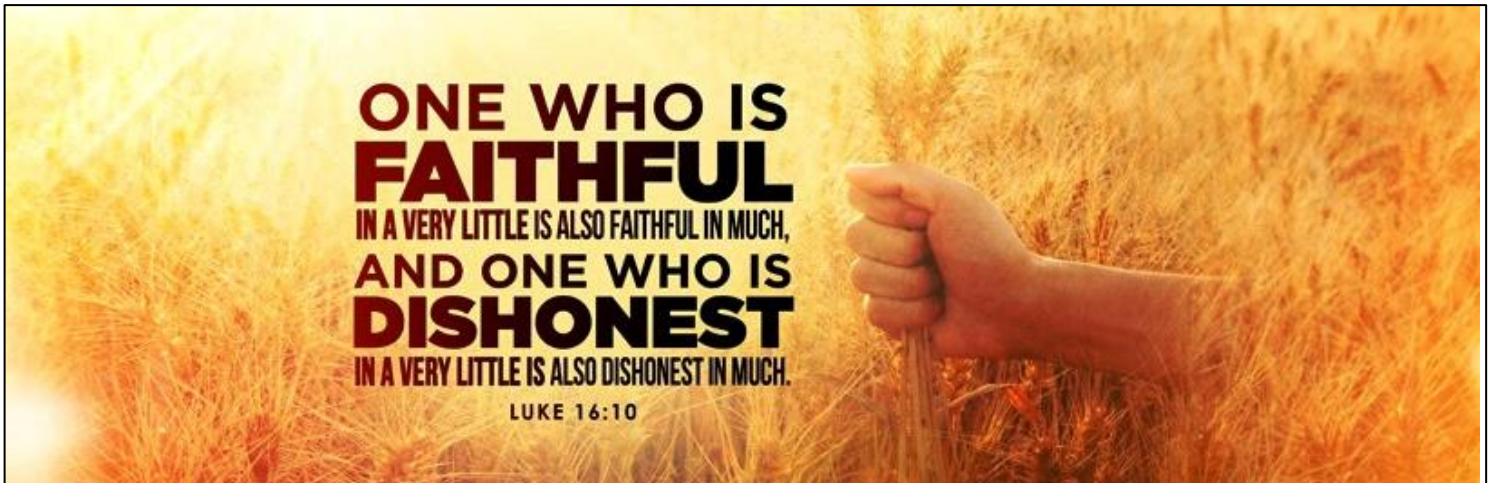


NEXT BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Sunday → After 11.00 AM Mass with Archbishop Smith on Sep. 29, 2019 ♦ St. Matthew Church

All parishioners are invited for Beautiful Breakfast following 11.00 AM Mass on Sunday, Sep. 29. See you all!

The focus of today's first reading from the Prophet Amos is the challenge between the pursuit of holiness versus the pursuit of wealth and power. Amos knows that the merchants in the Temple are fixing their scales to cheat the pilgrims coming to Jerusalem for the feast. These wealthy men became rich and made themselves richer by taking advantage of the less fortunate. *Never will I forget a thing they have done*, the prophet says, speaking for God. It is an announcement of God's judgment on those who are deaf to the cry of the poor. They were in need of forgiveness, but would only receive it if they humbled themselves to ask for it. ♦ In writing to Timothy, Saint Paul affirms God's desire that we all ask for and receive his mercy, and then share it with one another. ♦ Mercy and forgiveness are in the message of the parable of the steward that Jesus tells in today's Gospel. Jesus compliments the man for his ability to look beyond earthly wealth to store up for himself treasure in heaven. ♦ Experience tells us that wealth may leave us or be taken away, but God is a firm anchor. The dollar in our pocket is here today and gone tomorrow, but the Lord is always there for us, and all around us.




LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Sep. 21, 2019 at 07.00 PM	Brian & Pauline Morrison	Orville Kittelson	Lura Collinson	Laurier Nobert	Doraine Lonsdale	Leo Pelletier
Sep. 22, 2019 at 09.00 AM	Ricardo Rodriguez	Rhonda Caluttung	Bill Fletcher	Gary Donald	Teresa Johnson	Dave Parfitt
Sep. 28, 2019 at 07:00 PM	Jackie Owchar	Orville Kittelson	Nathalie Manuel	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias	Jo-Anne Como
Sep. 29, 2019 at 11:00 AM	Roxane Melvin	Julie Layden	Eleita Collinson	Becky Marland	Doreen Couture	Jim Marland

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Sep. 22, 2019 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Liam Hoven	The Mark Szymanek Family	Tim Hoven and Neal Persson
Sep. 29, 2019 at 09:00 AM	Roy Hoven	Barron Reichert	The Cadrain Family	Dennis and Brenda Nugent



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY


Saturday - Sep. 21, 2019 ♦ Sunday - Sep. 22, 2019


Vivian will be available after Mass on September 21 and September 22 in Rocky to pick up a directory. If you had your picture taken, you get a FREE directory. If your picture is not in the directory you can purchase a directory for \$15.

CWL

NEXT CWL MEETING – Sunday, September 22, 2019 – After 9.00 AM Mass

First CWL meeting after the summer was moved from third Sunday to fourth Sunday of the month after 9.00 AM Mass.





Lectio: Mark - “FAITH NOT FEAR” • RMH

SUNDAYS BIBLE STUDY


Sunday, Sep. 22, 2019 * After 09.00 AM Mass • Next: Sunday, Sep. 29, 2019 * 09.15 AM - 10.30 AM

After Mass (30 min. video + 45 min. discussion) • For more information: Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)

RCIA - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 - 07.00 PM

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who has an interest, please contact Church Office. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic. We will start our RCIA program in St. Matthew Parish with organizational meeting on Sep. 24, 2019 at 7.00 PM.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – September 24, 2019.


First Knights of Columbus meeting after the summer is on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7.00 PM.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 07.00 PM

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church ♦ Meeting for those who registered their attendance.



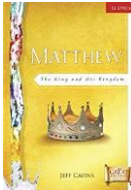
BAPTISM PREPARATION
MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday - September 27, 2019 ♦ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♦ Mass at 09.00 AM





MATTHEW: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM - RMH


MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY

Starting on Monday - September 30, 2019 at 07.00 PM

24 SESSIONS • Workbook - \$50.00 (YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY TO PARTICIPATE)

Participants will meet every week to view video presentation followed by a time of group discussion and fellowship.

Register at office • Registration deadline - Sep. 22, 2019 • More information: Contact Mara Gagne 403-845-0940 (phone/text)



YOUTH GROUP

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH - RMH

October 03, 2019

St. Matthew's Youth Ministry Program will run most Thursdays from Oct. 03 to Dec. 12, 2019. Every Thursday we meet to play large scale games, have a teaching about our faith, pray, and we perform a skit about a saint. Youth Group is for kids in grades 6-8 and is put on by kids in grades 9-12. Program runs from 07.00 PM to 09.00 PM. Everyone is welcome. • For info contact Peter at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or call/text 403-848-0955.



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

FIRST CLASS – OCTOBER 06, 2019


ALL LESSONS START AT 1.30 PM AND END AT 4.30 PM • DATES OF LESSONS (ALL ON SUNDAYS):

Oct. 06, 2019 - Nov. 10, 2019 - Dec. 01, 2019 - Jan. 12, 2020 - Feb. 09, 2020 - Mar. 08, 2020 - Apr. 19, 2020 - May 10, 2020

SEARCH RETREAT ♦ ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

October 18 - 20, 2019

SEARCH is coming back to Rocky, Oct. 18-20, 2019! SEARCH is a retreat for kids in grades 10-12, hosted each year at St. Dominic High School. It is a powerful weekend, attracting kids from all over the Archdiocese, to pray and learn about their faith. Help is needed! If any individuals or groups in the parish would be willing to provide one of the meals for the weekend, please contact Peter at vankampen.peter@gmail.com or call 403-848-0955.





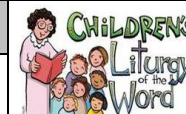
ALL HALLOW'S EVE PARTY = ALL SAINTS

Thursday - Oct. 31, 2019 ♦ 05.30 PM - 07.30 PM

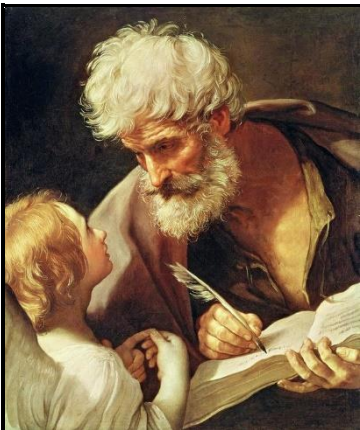
All Hallow's Eve Party (aka All Saints Party). Dress up as your favourite Saint and participate in Saint-themed games, songs and activities. We are also having a Saint-Themed Potluck. Please bring a main course and either a salad/veg or desert to share. Register at the parish office by October 28, 2019.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteers needed!



Consider this ministry, please! We will start Children's Liturgy in the next few weeks. If you are interested in leading or helping with Children's Liturgy, please contact Mona Cruickshank at 403.846.1027.



ST. MATTHEW FEAST DAY

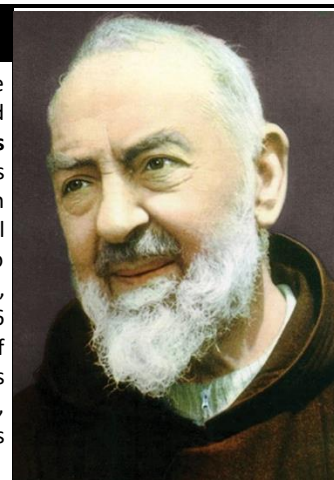
SEPTEMBER 21

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector. The Romans ruled Palestine and the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered tax collectors to be traitors. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic. Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew's Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament. After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr. Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers.

PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

SEPTEMBER 23

Padre Pio was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, southern Italy. He was tutored privately until his entry to the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15. Of feeble health but strong will, with the help of grace, he completed the required studies and was ordained a priest in 1910. ● On September 20, 1918 the five wounds of our Lord's passion appeared on his body, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. Countless persons were attracted to his confessional and many more received his saintly counsel and spiritual guidance through correspondence. ● His whole life was marked by long hours of prayer and continual austerity. His letters to his spiritual directors reveal the ineffable suffering, physical and spiritual, which accompanied him all through his life. They also reveal his deep union with God, his burning love for the Blessed Eucharist and Our Blessed Lady. ● On January 9, 1940, Padre Pio announced his plans to develop a Home for the Relief of Suffering, which opened its doors on May 5, 1956 as a 300 bed facility, built on donations and prayers of his followers. He also developed an international network of prayer groups for the support of the Casa and its ministry that continues to live on and grow today. ● Padre Pio was called to his heavenly reward on September 23, 1968. After a public funeral, which attracted over 100,000 mourners, his body was entombed in the crypt of Our Lady of Grace Church. On June 16, 2002, over 500,000 Padre Pio devotees gathered in Rome to witness Pope John Paul II proclaim Padre Pio, "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina".



SCHOOL MASSES BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR

SEP. 24 – ST. DOMINIC
SEP. 25 – ST. MATTHEW

Sep. 24, 2019 at 02.25 PM in St. Matthew Church – Mass for St. Dominic High School
Sep. 25, 2019 at 01.00 PM in St. Matthew School – Mass for St. Matthew School

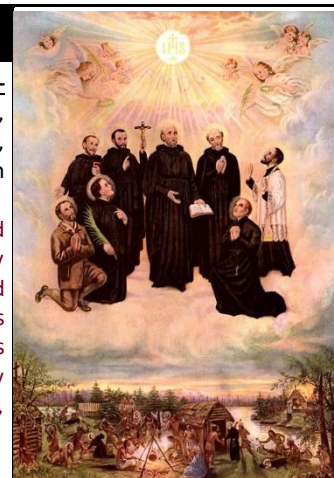
JESUIT MARTYRS FEAST DAY

SEPTEMBER 26

They were all Jesuits, six priests and two lay brothers, put to death for their faith. Five, **Saints Jean de Brebeuf (1593-1649)**, Gabriel Lalemant, Antoine Daniel, Charles Garnier and Noel Chabanel, were martyred in Huronia, near Midland, on the southern shore of Georgian Bay, while three, **Saints Isaac Jogues (1607-1646)**, René Goupil, Jean de la Lande, were put to death in what is now Auriesville, New York, not far from the Canadian border. The whole land back then was under the jurisdiction of the Quebec archdiocese (the largest one in the world; hence, 'Canadian' martyrs).

Each of their stories, their backgrounds, how they ended up on the missions, are all different. But there were united in their religion, their dedication to the rule and ideals of Saint Ignatius, their faith, and their desire to spread the joy and hope of that faith to their Native brethren. The Jesuits and their fellow missionaries were sadly accompanied and followed by unscrupulous men who gave Catholicism, and European culture in general, a bad name. But these Jesuits were men of noble ideals, for which they worked indefatigably for their entire lives, in the midst of the same hardships as their beloved Natives. It was for their good, primarily their eternal salvation, that they lived, suffered and eventually died, under horrific conditions. They were more than willing, and none more than the gentle giant Jean de Brébeuf, to shed their blood for Christ, and for conversion of all peoples to Him and His salvific truth.

They were first missionaries to the North American Indians and first martyrs of North America.



PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

**Deacon (Ret.) - Bernie Ouellette
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel**

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

5208-53 Ave (Box 130) ♦ Rocky Mountain House, AB * T4T 1A1

Office Hours

Monday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Tuesday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Wednesday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Thursday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Friday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

Contact Information

Direct voice/fax/text line to office	403.845.3457
Direct voice/fax/text line to pastor	587.355.3947
Direct voice/fax/text line for prayer requests	403.407.1932
Direct email address to office	office@smpmhc.ca
Direct email address to pastor	pastor@smpmhc.ca

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptism Preparation Class	Steve/Donna Oscar	403.895.0373
Bible Study Mondays	Mara Gagne	403.845.0940
Bible Study Sundays	Lisa Sembaliuk	403.846.7137
Called to Protect	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Children's Liturgy	Mona Cruickshank	403.846.1027
CWL	Joyce Donald	403.895.4156
First Communion Class	Catherine van Kampen	403.845.2923
Knights of Columbus	Gary Donald	403.845.5269
Ministry to the Sick	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Parish Finance Council	Randall Sugden	403.844.8478
Parish Pastoral Council	Lauren MacKenzie	403.845.2836
Prayer Chain	Alice Murray	403.722.4056
Youth Group	Peter van Kampen	403.848.0955

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	07.00 PM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	09.00 AM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	11.00 AM	Evergreen
Sunday	01.00 PM	Caroline

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06.30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Wednesday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Thursday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH 10.30 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen
Friday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH

MONTHLY MASSES

First Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Matthew School, RMH
First Wednesday	11.00 AM - Eckville Manor, Eckville
First Friday	11.00 AM - Clearwater Centre, RMH
Second Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Dominic School, RMH
Second Wednesday	11.00 AM - Westview Lodge, RMH

REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR AND BOOKED THROUGH OFFICE.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact office if you want your child to be baptized in our parish. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more info, call office.

CONFESSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - Every Saturday from 6.15 PM to 6.45 PM
Evergreen/Caroline - after Sun. Masses ♦ Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact office if you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in our parish. Preparation is mandatory. For more info, call office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday in St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House
9.00 AM MASS ♦ 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM ADORATION

Every First Tuesday of the month in St. Matthew Church - RMH
6.30 PM MASS ♦ 7.00 PM - 8.00 PM HOLY HOUR ADORATION

PARISH WEBSITE → WWW.SMPRMH.CA



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

07.00 PM
Intention:

Sunday

09.00 AM
Intention:

11.00 AM
Intention:

01.00 PM
Intention:

September 21, 2019 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
++ Emmanuel Narciso, Franciso Narciso, Pilar Narciso

September 22, 2019 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

For all members of our parish communities

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church

+ Dr. Otto Huhn

Monday

September 23, 2019 – St. Padre Pio; priest

No Mass

Tuesday

September 24, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time

02.25 PM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
For St. Dominic School → School Mass - Beginning of School Year

06.30 PM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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Wednesday

September 25, 2019 – Weekday in Ordinary Time

09.00 AM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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10.00 AM

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church **ADDITIONAL MASS**
Mass for Administrators and Board Members from RDCSD

01.00 PM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew School
For St. Matthew School → School Mass – Beginning of School Year

Thursday

September 26, 2019 – St. Jean de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues, priests and companions; martyrs

09.00 AM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church
+ Shawn Watchel

10.30 AM
Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church

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Friday

September 27, 2019 – St. Vincent the Paul; priest

09.00 AM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church

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09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → → St. Matthew Church, RMH

Saturday

September 28, 2019 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

05.00 PM
Intention:

Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church **DATE/TIME CHANGE!**
For all members of our parish communities

07.00 PM
Intention:

Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church **WITH FR. KLER**

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Sunday

September 29, 2019 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.00 AM
Intention:

Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church **WITH ARCHBISHOP SMITH**

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11.00 AM
Intention:

Rocky Mtn. House – St. Matthew Church **WITH ARCHBISHOP SMITH**
+ Rolly Bouchard

SEP. 15, 2019 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

SUNDAY REG. COLLECTION:	RMH - \$1,407.90 * Evergreen - \$615.00 * Caroline - \$113.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:	RMH - \$17.20 * Evergreen - \$00.00 * Caroline - \$2.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$490.00 * Evergreen - \$35.00 * Caroline - \$20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONLINE DONATIONS! SEP. 15, 2019

REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:	RMH - \$3,295.00 * Evergreen - \$675.00 * Caroline - \$1,090.00
COMPASSIONATE FUND:	Evergreen - \$200.00
TOGETHER WE SERVE:	RMH - \$120.00
MAINTENANCE FUND:	RMH - \$50.00



ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER. We're fully booked for the first annual Archbishop's Dinner and looking forward to a great evening with 1,100 friends! Dinner will start with cocktails at 06.00 PM on Friday, October 4, at the Edmonton Convention Centre.